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The Monitoring, Verification, and Evaluation (MVE) Unit, Task Order No. 811 under Contract No. LAG-I-00-99-00014-00, was signed 10 August 2001 by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Egypt Mission. The current contract completion date is 31 March 2003.

This report covers tasks conducted during entire third project year (January 1 through December 31, 2002). It does not contain financial information. As required in Section 3.7 of Task Order 811, this report is a summary and assessment of the MVE Unit activities and accomplishments. It is arranged in the following format:

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I. Narrative Section

I.A. Project Activities and Tasks

I.A.1 Verification

First quarter 2002

Tranche 2

- Submitted the **Tranche 2 Verification Plan** to USAID, TA contractors, and the GOE through Dr. Khaled Abdel Aziz, the EEPP National Coordinator. The Tranche 2 Verification Plan was developed based upon reviews of workplans, Policy Measures and Means of Verification, Annex B, and other materials. The Plan was developed and submitted based on the version of the unsigned Policy Measure Matrix in circulation at the time.

- Submitted **Quarterly Implementation Progress Reports (QIPR)** from Q3 and Q4 2001 to the Executive Committee through the EEPP National Coordinator. An earlier version of Q3 had been submitted and discussed with USAID at the beginning of Q4 2001.
- Designed a streamlined format for the QIPR to respond to the most important questions and needs of the Executive Committee. Began writing new QIPR for Q1 by meeting with TA contractors and GOE staff and participating in Working Group meetings. Q1 2002 QIPR will be produced in April 2002.
- MVE team members attended many Working Group meetings in EEAA, TDA, and EGAS.
- Began using the **Verification Information Management System VIMS** for managing data on Policy Measures (PMs) and Means of Verification (MVs) including regular observations on progress and problems. Worked with Chemonics HO to upgrade system to multi-user access with Access 2000.

Second Quarter 2002

- **Tranche 2 Verification Plan** discussions with the GOE and USAID and TA contractor continued in this quarter. Comments that were received were resolved but, in many cases, there has been no response. MVE and Dr. Khaled Abdel Aziz, the EEPP National Coordinator, are contacting appropriate individuals to follow up. The Tranche 2 Verification Plan was developed based upon reviews of workplans, Policy Measures and Means of Verification, Annex B, and other materials. It was based on the version of the Policy Measure Matrix in circulation for signature at the time.
- The **Policy Reform Implementation Progress Report** preparation continued through meeting with TA contractors and GOE staff and participating in Working Group meetings in EEAA, TDA, and EGAS.

Third Quarter 2002

- Finalization of the **Tranche 2 Verification Plan** continued with the GOE and USAID and TA contractors. MVE and Dr. Khaled Abdel Aziz, the EEPP National Coordinator, continue to pursue this. A meeting was held with TDA and RSSTI on 18 August to finalize the relevant measures, and one was held with EEAA at the MVE offices on 18 September to finalize their relevant measures. Additionally, other meetings were held on an individual basis either to present or to discuss and resolve technical issues. The only significant part to finish is the agreements with the Governors of Cairo, Qalyubia, and Alexandria. The Tranche 2 Verification Plan was developed based upon reviews of workplans, Policy Measures and Means of Verification, Annex B, and other materials. It was based on the version of the Policy Measure Matrix in circulation for signature at the time.
- The **Policy Reform Implementation Progress Report as of 30 June 2002**, was submitted to USAID for review. It was prepared through meeting with TA contractors and GOE staff and participating in Working Group meetings in EEAA, TDA, and EGAS.

Fourth Quarter 2002

- MVE continued finalizing the **Tranche 2 Verification Plan** with the GOE and USAID. With the exception of the parts of Policy Objective 1 relevant to the Governorates of Cairo and Qalyubia all sections were distributed by MVE; those for the Governorates were distributed by Dr. Khaled Abdel Aziz, the EEPP National Coordinator. In the

company of Abt Assoc., the TA contractor, MVE met with the Governors of Cairo and Qalyubia to discuss their parts in the solid waste policy reforms. The Tranche 2 Verification Plan was developed based upon reviews of workplans, Policy Measures and Means of Verification, Annex B, other materials, and the effective participation of all parties.

- MVE worked with the GOE, USAID, and TA contractors to finalize the **Tranche 2 Supplementary Verification Plan**. MVE provided both conceptions and definitions for the supplemental Means of Verification. The full Verification Plan for each of the supplemental Means is under development pending final GOE/USAID agreement.
- MVE provided extensive technical assistance on the definition of the Means of Verification for T2 Policy Measure 2.2 regarding Red Sea Rangers and expenses. MVE obtained GOE budgets and expenditures, analyzed these, and provided preliminary conclusions to the PSU and USAID. Work on the existing PM 2.2 MVs supported proposals for realistic Supplemental MVs that continue and extend the present work into further sustainability.
- The **Policy Reform Implementation Progress Report as of 30 June 2002** was submitted to the GOE for review. USAID reviewed the report in the Third Quarter and provided approval for distribution to the GOE. It had been prepared through meeting with TA contractors and GOE staff and participating in Working Group meetings in EEAA, TDA, and EGAS.

I.A.2 Monitoring

First Quarter 2002

- Began implementation of the **EEPP Monitoring System (MS)** that had been developed throughout 2001 and that had been submitted in December 2001 as the **Monitoring System Design and Baseline Report**. Technical aspects of the definitions for indicators at the context level and for the Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP) had been designed, but those for the Tranche 2 Policy Measure level had not been completed at the time of the baseline report. The EEPP MS is intended to be used as an ongoing system for producing and organizing information rather than depending on data produced as part of one-time or sporadic efforts for different programs. Implementation of the system required setting out the managerial and organizational aspects (schedule, tasks, LOE). This was done with the help of Chris Perine from the Chemonics HO.
- Dr. Joy Hecht provided technical assistance during the first quarter to begin verification of the selection and specifications of various indicators in the **EEPP Monitoring System** and confirmation of agreements of who has responsibility to provide data for each indicator. MVE hired Eng. Mohammed Fathy Farag (through Environics, MVE subcontractor) to provide short-term technical assistance as the local organizer for receiving/cataloging data, managing relationships, etc. under the direction of Dr. Khaled Fahmy, MVE. Eng. Fathy brings strong recent experience to the team as he had previously worked with the Environmental Information Monitoring Program (EIMP) at EEAA.
- MVE decided to use the data format developed for the PMP for all EEPP MS indicators as it is a fairly complete metadata format.

- Meetings with CAIP, EIMP, Nexant, and PSU have occurred in this quarter. Other meetings are scheduled for April. Dr. Hecht is scheduled to return in early April to begin the analyses of the data and information to be used for the first complete Monitoring System report.

Second Quarter 2002

- MVE continued implementation of the **EEPP Monitoring System**. The MS includes indicators at all levels reflecting reform implementation and, where possible, impact. Indicators cover Air, Solid and Hazardous Waste, Energy, Water, Coastal Zone Management, and General Environmental Management. The Tranche 2 Policy Measure level indicators that had previously been only identified at the time of the baseline report in December were fully designed. Initial drafts of most sections were created.
- Dr. Joy Hecht returned in early April to begin the analyses of the data and information to be used for the first complete Monitoring System report.
- Eng. Mohammed Fathy Farag who had previously worked with the Environmental Information Monitoring Program (EIMP) at EEAA, provided short-term technical assistance on obtaining and cataloging data and performing initial analyses under the direction of Dr. Khaled Fahmy, MVE.

Third Quarter 2002

- MVE submitted a “pre-draft” version of the **EEPP Monitoring System (MS) report** to USAID so that they could use some of the preliminary conclusions and information in the preparation of their PMP. The MS includes indicators at all levels reflecting reform implementation and, where possible, impact. Indicators cover Air, Solid and Hazardous Waste, Energy, Water, Coastal Zone Management, and General Environmental Management.
- Eng. Mohammed Fathy Farag who had previously worked with the Environmental Information Monitoring Program (EIMP) at EEAA, continued to provide short-term technical assistance on data and analyses under the direction of Dr. Khaled Fahmy, MVE.

Fourth Quarter 2002

- MVE continued revising the **EEPP Monitoring System (MS) report**. Draft versions of the various sections of the report were shared with the relevant collaborators. USAID is using some of the preliminary conclusions and information in the preparation of their PMP and in the design of the EEPP follow-on project. The MS includes indicators at all levels reflecting reform implementation and, where possible, impact. Indicators cover Air, Solid and Hazardous Waste, Energy, Water, Coastal Zone Management, and General Environmental Management.
- MVE gathered information and provided analysis to the USAID PMP on indicators on privatization of solid waste services in governorates and on the status of EEAA RBOs.

I.A.3 Evaluation

First Quarter 2002

- **Tranche 1 Assessment**, originally submitted in Q4 2001 to USAID, was submitted to TA Contractors. With inputs from the TA Contractors, MVE will revise the document and submit to the GOE.

- Final Draft of the **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Review System Appraisal** is undergoing final production for distribution in Q2. It was revised in accordance with response from Dr. Abul Azm of EEAA.
- MVE discussed observations on **Tranche 1 Lessons Learned** and received preliminary reactions from CTO. MVE is revising the document for actual submission.

Second Quarter 2002

- MVE received comments on the **Tranche 1 Assessment**, and is revising the document accordingly.
- MVE and Environics, a subcontractor, began work on an analysis of **Decentralization of Environmental Management in Egypt**. While there is a Tranche 2 policy reform on Decentralization within EEAA (6.3) this analysis looks at the larger picture. It will provide useful information to GOE and EEPP policy and decision makers. It will:
 - Analyze decentralization of environmental management (DEM) in Egypt so far (not focusing only on what EEPP has done in Tranche 1) to see what is the actual status and what barriers and constraints exist;
 - Analyze decentralization in GOE more generally (not just environment), to determine how consistent and inconsistent DEM is with other efforts;
 - Analyze DEM as a major thrust in a policy reform program and suggest how DEM might be structured in a future program; and
 - Develop indicators of DEM to track progress.
- MVE prepared the study on **Building A System To Monitor Egyptian Red Sea Protection and Development: Biological Indicators**. The sections of the study that suggest indicators for monitoring physical status that are implementable in the short run are being incorporated into the EEPP Monitoring System. The study, which will be complete and available in Q3, was carried out to:
 - Identify the parameters that should be measured to support the Red Sea component of the EEPP Monitoring System. Specifically identify the best immediate parameters and indicators that can be implemented in the short term using readily available (or soon to be available) information. Propose the best potential indicators for the longer term given information that could be developed.
 - Update the **Red Sea Information Base** study of 2001 as necessary with a limited number of additional institutions and data holdings, including the recent advances by PSU, RSSTI, and MVE.
 - Identify the institutional partners for implementing the Red Sea component of the EEPP MS including which institutions will collect and manage the data and how might the data be used to support objectives of the EEPP, EEAA, TDA, and RSG.
 - Identify long-term institutional options for monitoring in the Red Sea beyond or in addition to EEPP and any follow-on project.

Third Quarter 2002

- MVE contracted Dr. Herman Cesar, an internationally-known economist and coral reef valuation expert, to conduct a study of the **Economic Valuation of the Red Sea Coral Reef**. This analysis, first proposed by MVE more than two years ago and approved then by Dr. Moustafa Fouda of the EEAA/NCS and by Dr. Adel Rady of TDA, will examine and compare the value of three sites in detail and will extrapolate from there for the entire Red

Sea area. The study will also develop cost/benefit information for different management options. Dr. Cesar will speak at the EEAA International Conference on Protected Areas.

- MVE provided copies of the draft **Tranche 1 Summary Assessment** to Dr. Khaled Abdel Aziz, the EEPP National Coordinator, for him to distribute to the GOE entities.
- MVE and Environics, a subcontractor, continued work on an analysis of **Decentralization of Environmental Management in Egypt**. While there is a Tranche 2 policy reform on Decentralization within EEAA (6.3) this analysis looks at the larger picture. For details, please see Q2 report.
- MVE completed the study on **Building A System To Monitor Red Sea Conservation and Development: Biological Indicators**. The sections of the study that suggest indicators for monitoring physical status that are implementable in the short run are being incorporated into the EEPP Monitoring System. For details of the study, which is being readied for publication, please see Q2 report.
- A poster conveying some of this information is being prepared for the International Conference on Protected Areas.

Fourth Quarter 2002

- Dr. Herman Cesar, economist and coral reef valuation expert, and MVE began to conduct the study on **Economic Valuation of the Egyptian Red Sea Coral Reef**. The study examines and compares the value of three areas in detail (Sharm El Sheikh, Hurghada, and Marsa Alam) and will extrapolate from there for the entire Red Sea area. The study will also develop cost/benefit information for different management options. The analysis was first proposed by MVE in 2000 and approved then by Dr. Moustafa Fouda of the EEAA/NCS and by Dr. Adel Rady of TDA. The draft conclusions will be ready in January 2003.
- To conduct the study MVE worked closely with Dr. Michael Colby of the PSU on Red Sea data and information that had been gathered for his work on economic instruments. MVE extended this information and conducted an expanded Willingness-to-Pay survey of tourists in the Marsa Alam area to compare this with the results in Sharm and Hurghada. At the International Conference in Sharm El Sheikh discussions were held with Dr. Alain Jeudy de Grissac, Programme Manager of the Ras Mohammed National Park, as well as others from Ras Mohammed such as Ranger Medhat Rabie. MVE and Dr. Cesar also met with researchers at Ras Mohammed National Park working on snorkel trampling impacts (Wera Leujak) and fish abundance inside and outside MPAs (Jennifer Ashworth). They also met with NGO representatives such as Sherif El-Ghamrawy, who also runs an ecolodge near Taba, called Basata, and with Dr. Moshira Hassan, marine biologist from the American University in Cairo and manager of Reef Check in Egypt. They met with Egyptian and foreign scholars regarding the possibility of bio-prospecting in Egypt in reef areas for bio-active compounds found in marine bacteria, sponges, corals and other marine fauna.
- Following the Conference, MVE organized an expedition from Sharm El Sheikh in Sinai to Hamata on the southern Red Sea Coast. Joining Doug Baker and Dr. Tarek Wafik of MVE were Dr. Michael Colby of EEPP-PSU, Manuel Knight of RSSTI, Tamer El Bastawisy of TDA, and others, representing an extraordinary degree of collaboration on Red Sea economic issues. During the trip the team met with EEAA/PSU Hurghada, hotel managers, tour operators, dive operators, live aboard boat operators, diver tourists, and

other knowledgeable people in the area. They inspected and evaluated Ras Mohammed National Park, Giftun Islands Protected Area, and many other dive sites and tourist areas along the Red Sea and Gulf of Aqaba.

- Dr. Cesar spoke at the EEAA International Conference on Protected Areas under the sponsorship of MVE. His paper was called “**Economic Valuation of Marine Protected Areas: Background and Recent Examples From Around The Globe And Some Ideas For Egypt**”
- MVE created and displayed a poster at the EEAA International Conference on Protected Areas covering the process of information gathering and evaluation and of indicator development and analysis for the Red Sea part of the EEPP Monitoring System.
- MVE finalized the **Tranche 1 Summary Assessment** following its review by GOE entities as coordinated by Dr. Khaled Abdel Aziz, the EEPP National Coordinator.
- MVE and Envirionics, a subcontractor, continued work on an analysis of **Decentralization of Environmental Management in Egypt**. Initial drafts of the work, while insightful and informative, have required some redirection and refocusing.

I.A.4 Management Systems and Reporting

First Quarter 2002

- MVE submitted the 2001 Annual Report including a new section on cross-cutting issues such as gender, institution building, public-private partnerships, and other coordination.
- MVE created a new document production tracking system and delegated responsibility for managing and coordination to senior secretary, Reem Aly Mohammed. Most MVE documents and reports are reviewed by USAID, GOE, TA Contractors, and others before they become “final”. The new tracking system will improve the ability to coordinate reviews/comments and drafts for multiple products. This, in turn, should improve timeliness of production.
- MVE hired Barbara Soliman as secretary. She was formerly with the DFID Capital Markets project.
- A minor LOE reallocation was approved to accommodate new staff and new activities.

Second Quarter 2002

- MVE submitted the Management Report for the First Quarter of 2002.
- MVE hired Ms. Mary Victor Maurice as secretary. She replaced Ms. Barbara Soliman who moved to England.
- MVE continued to refine Emergency Response Plans in coordination with other Chemonics projects in Egypt and the Chemonics Home Office.

Third Quarter 2002

- MVE submitted the Management Report for the Second Quarter of 2002

Fourth Quarter 2002

- MVE submitted the Management Report for the Third Quarter of 2002.

I.A.5 Cross-Cutting Issues, including Coordination

First Quarter 2002

- MVE staff participated in workshops, seminars, and other events including:
 - Opening of vehicle emissions testing facility and other aspects at Misr Petroleum
 - NGO meeting with the Minister of the Environment at Ismailia
 - Symposium on developed forests with the Minister of the Environment at Ismailia
- MVE also contributed to an article on MVE responsibilities and activities for the EEPP newsletter.

Second Quarter 2002

- MVE and Dr. Joy Hecht held a focused meeting with USAID on Environmental Accounting and National Accounts. Glenn Rogers, Frank Szumilo, Nadine El Hakim, and Doug Baker participated. The purpose of this meeting was to specifically review what had been produced on the system of national accounts in Egypt, what the role of USAID has been so far, the planned efforts for the future, how national accounts play a role in decision making here in Egypt, who the local actors are, etc. The possibility of having Dr. Hecht prepare a follow-up paper later in the next quarter on how environmental accounts could serve environmental policy making in Egypt was discussed. In late March, Dr. Hecht had made a presentation for MVE to the USAID Environment Division including Anthony Vance, Holly Ferrette, Amany Gamal El-Din, Nadine El-Hakim, and Glenn Whaley, and Glenn Rogers of the Economic Growth Division.
- MVE staff participated in workshops, seminars, and other events including the workshop on decentralization of responsibilities to EMUs in Cairo.
- MVE also met with the consultants carrying out the Gender Study in both the information-gathering and the conclusion-checking phases. MVE is implementing the immediate recommendations on indicators and is studying how to implement the longer-term ones.
- MVE met with EEAA, PSU, Nexant, Abt, TDA, RSSTI, and USAID on workplan and monitoring issues and participated in various working groups such as TDA/RSSTI, Economic Instruments, EPF, Inspections, EMU, NEDCMP, Strategic Planning, EIA, and Disaster Contingency. MVE also attended the Solid Waste Donor Working Group meeting, Artificial Forests Committee, and others. For the Red Sea indicators study MVE met with EEAA Cairo and Quseir, TDA, RSSTI, PSU Cairo, PSU Hurghada, Red Sea Governorate, EIMP, EEAA National Biodiversity Unit, Ministry of Transportation, and others.
- MVE continued to communicate with EEPP contractors regarding the adjustment of the workplans and implications for means of verification schedule.

Third Quarter 2002

- MVE met with Laila Maghary, a graduate student specializing in gender issues, and agreed on steps to continue the results of the PSU Gender Study. MVE is implementing the immediate recommendations on indicators and is studying how to implement the longer-term ones.
- MVE met with EEAA, PSU, Nexant, Abt, TDA, RSSTI, and USAID on workplan and monitoring issues and participated in various working groups such as TDA/RSSTI, Economic Instruments, EPF, Inspections, Strategic Planning, EIA, and others.

- MVE continued to communicate with EEPP contractors regarding the adjustment of the workplans and implications for means of verification schedule. Essentially, unless stated otherwise, all measures and means will be completed by 30 June 2003.

Fourth Quarter 2002

- MVE is investigating how to make more accessible various documents produced under the contract, including some translation of documents for further distribution. MVE documents will be useful for USAID reviews of EEPP.
- MVE met with EEAA, PSU, Nexant, Abt, TDA, RSSTI, and USAID on workplan and monitoring issues and participated in various working groups in TDA/RSSTI and EEAA such as Ecozoning, Economic Instruments, EPF, Inspections, Strategic Planning, EIA, and others.
- MVE continued to communicate with EEPP contractors regarding the adjustment of the workplans and implications for means of verification schedule. Unless stated otherwise, all measures and means will be completed by 30 June 2003.
- MVE provided insight to USAID, PSU, and RSSTI, into methods for rapid ecological assessment employed by US conservation groups and their possible application to the Egyptian Red Sea.
- MVE also participated in a briefing for the Minister of Environment held at the PSU.

I.B. Short-term Technical Assistance

First Quarter 2002

- Mr. Chris Perine provided technical assistance to the project in Cairo from 8 February – 1 March. Primarily, tasks for this effort included, but were not limited to, the following:
 1. Coordinating additional Tranche 2 task development including meeting with USAID to review and adjust Tranche 2 workplan in light of EEPP timeframe changes;
 2. Assisting with the completion of the Tranche 2 Verification Plan;
 3. Developing TORs and schedules for analyses related to Evaluation or Monitoring needs;
 4. Preparing the next version of the Tranche 1 Assessment Report; and,
 5. Editing and submission of the EEPP Lessons Learned Paper currently under development.
- Dr. Joy Hecht worked with the MVE team in-country from 11 – 20 March. A follow-on trip was scheduled for April 2002. Primarily, tasks for this effort included, but were not limited to, the following:
 1. Complete review of proposed environmental indicators
 2. Complete research and analysis of data sources and availability of data for all proposed indicators
 3. Develop schedule for, and information needed from, meetings with EEPP participants and other GoE entities to agree upon protocols for data provision to MVE
 4. Complete Monitoring System design
 - a. Develop data collection formats
 - b. Assist in the development of a schedule for data collection
 - c. Develop written guidelines for obtaining necessary data
 - d. Develop information management tools

Second Quarter 2002

- Mr. Chris Perine provided technical assistance to the project in Cairo from 10 to 21 June. Primarily, tasks for this effort included, but were not limited to:
 - Beginning the of **Decentralization of Environmental Management in Egypt** study (see above for description)
 - Helping to create structure for and write sections of the EEPP Monitoring System 2002 Report.
- Dr. Joy Hecht worked with the MVE team in-country from 6 to 19 April 2002. She had been in Egypt from 11-20 March and this return completed her assignment. Primarily, tasks for this effort included, but were not limited to:
 - Completing review of proposed environmental indicators and beginning their analyses
 - Completing Monitoring System design
 - Presenting and discussing ideas for Environmental Accounting and National Accounts (see above)
- Mr. Richard Warner provided technical assistance to the project in Egypt from 24 May to 14 June. He primarily carried out the study on **Building A System To Monitor Development Impacts On Red Sea Ecosystems** (see above).
- Eng. Mohammed Fathy Farag continued to provide short-term technical assistance on obtaining and cataloging data and performing initial analyses for the EEPP Monitoring System.
- Additional minimal LOE was also provided by Dr. Ali Nasser.

Third Quarter 2002

- Mr. Chris Perine provided technical assistance to the project in Cairo from 9 August to 23 August on the DEM study and on the final draft of the Monitoring System Report.
- Additional LOE was also provided by Dr. Ali Nasser, Dr. Ali El Sawi, and Mr. Yasser Sherif for the DEM Study.

Fourth Quarter 2002

- Mr. Chris Perine provided technical assistance to the project in Cairo from 5 December to 19 December on the DEM study, the Monitoring System Report, the Red Sea Coral Reef Evaluation, and other work.
- Additional local LOE was also provided by Dr. Ali Nasser, Dr. Ali El Sawi, Ms. Heba Gaber, and Mr. Yasser Sherif.

I.C. Programmatic Issues and Future Activities

First Quarter 2002

MVE has plans for the second quarter of 2002 including:

- Completion of the **Verification Plan for Tranche 2** based on responses from the GOE participating agencies;
- Submission of the **Q1 2002 Quarterly Implementation Progress Report (QIPR)**;
- Completion and submission of a **Lessons Learned** paper on program design;
- Development of the first complete report of the **Monitoring System**;

- Revision of the report *Summary Assessment of Tranche 1 Implementation* after comments are received; and,
- Implementation of specific analyses related to indicator baselines and Evaluation or other policy aspects.

Routine management tasks of the project continue along with communications with EEPP contractors regarding the adjustment of the workplans.

Second Quarter 2002

MVE has plans for the third quarter of 2002 including:

- Completion of the **Verification Plan for Tranche 2** through direct discussions with GOE participating agencies and USAID;
- Submission of the **Q2 2002 Policy Reform Implementation Progress Report (IPR)**;
- Development of the first complete report of the **Monitoring System**;
- Revision of the report **Summary Assessment of Tranche 1 Implementation**; and,
- Implementation of specific analyses related to indicator baselines and Evaluation or other policy aspects such as **DEM**.

Third Quarter 2002

MVE has plans for the fourth quarter of 2002 including:

- Completion of GOE approval of the **Verification Plan for Tranche 2** through direct discussions with GOE participating agencies and USAID;
- Revision of the **Policy Reform Implementation Progress Report (IPR)**;
- Submission of the first complete **Monitoring System report**;
- Revision of the report **Summary Assessment of Tranche 1 Implementation** after comments are received;
- Carrying out the **Coral Reef Economic Valuation** study; and,
- Implementation of specific analyses related to indicator baselines and Evaluation or other policy aspects such as **DEM**.

Fourth Quarter 2002

MVE has plans for the first quarter of 2003 including:

- Completion of GOE approval of the **Regular and Supplemental Tranche 2 Verification Plan** through direct discussions with GOE participating agencies and USAID;
- Preparation of the **Policy Reform Implementation Progress Report (IPR) as of 31 December 2002**;
- Completion and dissemination of the **Monitoring System report**;
- Distribution of the **Summary Assessment of Tranche 1 Implementation** which has been finalized and published;
- Completion of the **Red Sea Coral Reef Economic Valuation** study and submission for review; and,
- Completion of specific analyses, such as **DEM**.